

at the Castle Hospital there,—where, for the present, there is no Presbyterian chaplain, but two Episcopalians, and one Roman Catholic. There are few patients at Scutari now, and with a little help from Mr. Cannon, who has come down as chaplain to the Scots Greys, Mr. Macnair feels quite able for all the work. I have been at Scutari since Monday week. We had a tedious and rough passage from Marseilles. The mail by which I came was two days behind time. We called at Malta, Syra, Smyrna, Gallipoli, and the Dardanelles. Mr. Macnair dispensed the sacrament last Sabbath, for the first time, to a very small company, eight in all, the officiating minister included. There were four chaplains, one doctor, two lady nurses, and my servant. (A Scotchman.)

After I get settled down to work in the Crimea, I shall endeavour to give you the details of my field.

Colonial Churches.

STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Since the date of their last Report to the General Assembly, the following ministers have been sent out by the Committee.—The Rev. A. Jamieson Milne to Kingston, Jamaica; the Rev. Peter Macvicar, to Montreal; the Rev. Alexander Buchan to Kingston; and the Rev. William Murray to Moncton, Miramichi.

The Committee have expended large sums in the outfit and passage-money of the ministers and missionaries sent out,—in augmenting the stipends of ministers and missionaries in the Colonies and in contributing to the building, enlarging, and repairing of Churches. Since last General Assembly, the Committee, in addition to grants for churches, and the outfit and passage-moneys of ministers and missionaries, have come under considerable additional pecuniary obligations.

The committee have so often represented to the Church at home, the very urgent wants of their brethren in the Colonies, that they can only now reiterate their claims, if possible, in language still stronger than before. In every quarter of the Colonial Church there is a great want of labourers in the vineyard,—everywhere a demand for more men, especially in those localities where the Gaelic is chiefly spoken. Everywhere there is held out the prospect of a cordial welcome to those who bring the glad tidings of salvation, and are willing to labour amongst their destitute countrymen in spiritual things; and the Committee believe there is a reasonable prospect of at least adequate if not ample remuneration.

The Committee are anxious to encourage young men of piety and talent to embark in this noble enterprise. They trust that the cry to “come over, and help us,” will not be addressed to them in vain. And in a faithful administration of the funds entrusted to their management, it will be their anxious endeavour to promote their comfort to the utmost of their ability. The committee will be happy to make arrangements with young men, desirous of such honourable employment, for a longer or shorter period! and upon their fulfilling their engagements to the satisfaction of the Committee, they will endeavour to promote their advancement in after life. There have lately been several deaths among the ministers reported to the Committee, and the vacancies thereby occasioned must be filled up without delay.

Such important objects as these cannot be carried out without large and increasing contributions from the Church, and to meet the yearly expenditure, and the additional obligations come under by the Committee since last Assembly, and to enlarge the sphere of the Church's usefulness, contributions from the friends of missions are absolutely indispensable and most urgently solicited. The Committee, therefore, confidently trust, that a more than liberal collection will be made throughout the bounds of the Church on the day set apart for that purpose.

In name of the Committee,

D. MACFARLAN, D.D., Convener

G. SMITH, D.D., Interim Vice-Convener

Caledonian Church, London.

On Thursday last, the 14th of February, the Presbytery in London of the Scotch National Church met in the Caledonian Church, Hol-loway, for the purpose of ordaining Mr James Surling Muir, a licentiate of the Church of Scotland, to be minister of the Caledonian Church. Mr. Muir had received a unanimous call to be minister of that church from the elders, members, and seat-holders, and had gone through the various parts of trial prescribed by the General Assembly to be given before ordination. The sermon was preached to a numerous auditory assembled on the occasion, by Mr. McBeth, minister of the Scotch Church, Halkin Street; the ordination prayer, accompanied by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, was offered up by the Moderator of the Presbytery, Mr. McPherson, minister of the Scotch Church, Swallow Street; the address to the minister, after being ordained, was given by Dr. Cumming, minister of the Scotch Church, Crown Court; and the address to the people by the Moderator, Mr. McPherson. The whole of the services were impressive, and listened to with deep attention by the auditory, and the congregation, on retiring, welcomed their new minister among them by taking him by the hand at the principal door of the church. Thereafter the Presbytery and a number of gentlemen connected with the Caledonian Church partook of a sumptuous cold collation in the house of one of the elders, situated in the immediate neighbourhood. Last Sabbath, Mr. Muir was introduced to his new charge by his father, Dr. Muir, of St James's Parish, Glasgow, preaching in the morning, from the words, “There is one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus;” and Dr. Cumming, of Crown Court preaching in the afternoon from the words, “So is the kingdom of God as if a man should cast seed into the ground,” &c. &c. while Mr. Muir himself preached in the evening from the words, “But the Word of the Lord endureth for ever; and this is the Word which by the Gospel is preached unto you.” This settlement so harmonious promises to be a happy one to all concerned.

NEW ESTABLISHED CHURCH IN GLASGOW.—A new church, in connection with the Established Church, is about to be erected in the West End Park of Glasgow, which will, it is said, be altogether a most magnificent pile, almost worthy of the style and title of a cathedral church. The chief features of the church consist of a massive square tower, 25 feet diameter, and 150 feet high, with regular nave, aisles, stone pillars, and arches, with

apsis, and open timber roof, stained dark oak. The edifice will be seen from almost every point, and form no inconsiderable object in approaching our city by the various lines of railway on the south side of the Clyde. This beautiful pile will cost not less than £25000.

It is stated that 60,000 copies of Mr. Caird's sermon on “Religion in Common Life,” have been sold: that Mr. Caird has received £700 from the publisher: and that it is his intention to apply the whole sum to the endowment of the Errol Females Industrial School.

Few new works have met with a more favourable reception from the public than Mr. McLeod's “Home School, or Hints on Home Education.” It has been reviewed and highly recommended in most of the Religious publications of the day, and meets, we are happy to learn, with a rapid sale. “Seldom,” says “The Witness,” in noticing the publication, “have we seen a more interesting work than the little volume before us. It is so unpretending, so thoroughly practical, so earnestly replete with good sound common sense, and withal so evangelical in its tone and spirit, that we have no hesitation in assigning it a place, among the best and most useful publications of recent times. The subjects of which it treats are of the greatest importance, affecting not only the happiness of the family circle, but also the well-being of society at large.”

THE CHURCH IN THE COLONIES.

Obituary.

DIED, Dec. 12th, at South Georgetown, County of Beaucharnois, in the 60th year of his age, Robert Robertson, a native of Perthshire, Scotland. Mr. R. came to this country upwards of 30 years ago, and settled in Georgetown, where he opened a school, which he continued to teach till within a few weeks of his death. As he did not depend upon the endowments of his school for the support of his family, he was not reduced to that half-starved condition, which forms the lot of most schoolmasters in this Province, but saw his services rounded at the close of his labours by the presence of those who had been his pupils at the commencement, and his authority and influence supported by the well earned confidence and grateful affection of two generations, who in other schools around he saw teachers rise and pass away and be forgotten year by year. Mr. R.—continued steadfast at his post, gaining for himself a local position and influence, resembling that of the most respected parish schoolmasters in Scotland, and leaving vacant by his death a place in the community which, all feel cannot easily be filled by a better clergyman, nor magistrate, nor public man of any description in our neighbourhood was more generally known, or more highly respected, or will be more missed than Mr. R.—. In truth his services were largely and freely given to clergymen, magistrates, school commissioners and all who had anything to do with the transaction of local affairs. Whether the meeting was at a church, or a school or a town or the settlement of a dispute, Mr. R.—was sought out to record the proceedings of the meeting and write out any documents to which he gave rise. In more private family arrangements his pen, and advice were equally at